

Special Meeting of March 18, 2014  
One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 360

**CALL TO ORDER 5:05 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Reed, Braunstein, Stone, Lieberman

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Scoles, City Attorney Rennie, City Treasurer Violet, City Clerk Cook

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Perry Kennan**, Belmont resident, questioned why this special meeting was not being televised. He also questioned why the only female councilmember resigned and why the only female former candidate did not apply for the vacant position. He outlined number of votes received by various candidates in the last election. He noted that the current City Council is giving the public appearance of harmony.

**Consideration of Applications for City Council Vacancy and Discussion Regarding Potential Next Steps in the Appointment Process**

Mayor Lieberman outlined the options for interviewing candidates. He expressed his desire that the final appointment be made at the regular City Council meeting of April 8 since the public is best served by having an open discussion about the applicants at a public meeting. He suggested that fewer than all 12 applicants could be selected for interview, and the City Council could utilize the panel interview process similar to how the commission interviews were handled.

City Attorney Rennie recommended ensuring that the appointment be made before the deadline of April 11 in order to avoid any potential court action.

Councilmember Reed suggested that each councilmember select their top three candidates. He expressed a preference for one-on-one interviews.

Mayor Lieberman pointed out that the last time the City Council made an appointment of a fifth member, it required a unanimous vote. Discussion ensued and the Council concurred that three votes would be sufficient.

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The results of a straw poll were as follows: Gina Latimerlo, Cathy Wright, Michael Malekos, Joyce Montgomery, Tom McCune, and Charles Williams.

Councilmember Stone pointed out that Mr. Williams did not submit a statement with his application, which was a requirement. Council concurred to remove him from the list.

Discussion ensued regarding the interview process and potential questions.

Mayor Lieberman directed staff to work with the City Council to identify interview dates before the April 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

**Consideration of Appointment of Candidates (up to 2) for Parks and Recreation Commission (continued from March 3, 2014)**

Councilmember Braunstein provided a summary of the Parks and Recreation Commission candidates held on March 3. He pointed out that the three councilmembers present at that meeting were able to come to consensus regarding the reappointment of Commissioner Block. He noted that he and Councilmember Reed supported Commissioner Wong, but Councilmember Stone did not. He indicated that the other top candidates were Stephanie Vargas and Karl Mittelstadt.

Councilmember Reed stated that subsequent to the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting he is less inclined to support the reappointment of Commissioner Wong due to the previously-described incident at Barrett Community Center.

Mayor Lieberman stated that he generally supports a second term unless there is a compelling reason to not reappoint. He stated he understood the concerns regarding Commissioner Wong's behavior.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Stone, Resolution 2014-044 Appointing Karl Mittelstadt and Stephanie Vargas to two-year terms on the Parks and Recreation Commission was unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT** at this time, being 6:00 p.m.

**Terri Cook  
City Clerk**

Meeting audio-recorded but not videotaped